

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION TO University Health Care (UHC) SECURED TB UNIT (STBU) or Admission under the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) TB Contract PROTOCOL

Requesting Agency Responsibilities:

1. Authorization for Funding to the STBU or other TB-accepting patient care unit under the TB contract:

→ Rule-out TB and diagnosed TB patients must have funding for their admission authorized by the UDOH TB Program. Requesting agency must contact Amelia Self (or designee) for authorization to admit a TB or rule-out TB to the STBU or other inpatient TB unit, if indicated. UDOH will pay for admit as payer of last resort; **ONLY TB-related charges are eligible. UDOH cannot authorize payment retroactively; if approved, admit will be eligible for funding no earlier than the date UDOH is informed. Transportation and ED visit(s) will not be covered.**

Contact: 1st call: Larry Niler, RN, UDOH 801-538-9906; 385-321-2064
2nd call: Amelia Self, MSW, UDOH 801-538-6221; 208-221-7897
After-hours or weekends: 801-538-6191, option 1, or 888-EPI-UTAH
Contact: Inform patient's local county health department of r/o TB case admission
If SL County patient: SLCoHD: Madison Clawson, Tara Brunatti, or Tair Kiphibane @ 385-468-4222; after-hours weekends @ 801-580-8597

2. Requesting agency (SLCoHD, 4th Street Clinic, etc) contacts University Hospital Transfer Center, 801-587-8980 and asks for the "rule out TB" physician. Transfer Center will then page Barbara Cahill, MD or designee. She will discuss case with requesting provider and request admission. If Dr. Cahill is not available (out of town, etc.), Transfer Center contacts Dr. Samuelson. The pulmonary attending on service is MD of last resort.

Contact: 1st call: Barbara Cahill, MD- 801-585-3135; pager 801-339-8190
2nd call: Wayne Samuelson, MD- 801-581-7498; pager 801-339-5587
3rd call: **Pulmonary Attending on Service- 801-581-2121**

Any UDOH contracted patient is to be admitted to the STBU unless the patient's acuity* warrants a higher level of care. If not directly admitted to the STBU, approved TB-related charges will still be covered; however, the patient must be transferred to the STBU when medically able. **A patient under Order of Restriction must be supervised 24/7 by Security if not in the STBU.**

Any patient requiring blood transfusions, chemotherapy, oxygen $\geq 5\text{L}/\text{min}$, presents with confusion or delirium, sepsis or major organ failure, is medically unstable, needs IV push medications, telemetry, or needs frequent monitoring or close supervision for any non-psychiatric/non-legal reason cannot be admitted to the STBU. Excluded patients are to be admitted to SSTU, Aim B, CVMU, WP5, MICU or NCC. **ALL UDOH-contracted patients are to be admitted to the pulmonary inpatient or consult service, regardless of admitting unit/service.*

3. Patient will be admitted by the pulmonary service, either through the admitting office or directly to the STBU, CVMU, SSTU, AIM B, WP5, NCC, or MICU, based on patient acuity, as determined between the admitting pulmonary physician and the requesting agency.

→ Patients are not to be sent to the Emergency Department or admitted through the Emergency Department, unless prior arrangements with admitting MD have been made and extenuating circumstances exist, eg, critical census, emergent care, etc.

4. UDOH will contact the Infection Prevention and Control office at 801-581-2706.

Admitting MD Responsibilities:

1. Admitting pulmonary physician (or designee) is responsible for admission request to the STBU or non-STBU patient care unit (if medically indicated).

Admitting Office Responsibilities:

1. Admitting office (or designee) contacts 5W Charge Nurse to notify of pending admission.
2. **UDOH TB Contract funded patients have bed priority in the STBU.**
3. University Health Care (UHC) must determine eligibility for alternate funding sources once patient admitted under UDOH TB contract- UDOH is payer of last resort and will not pay unless UHC demonstrates no other payer source available.

Infection Prevention & Control Responsibilities:

1. Ensure UDOH and SLCoHD (or appropriate local health department) aware of admission.

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